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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM AF/W

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TRADE
MISSION TO US

REF: A. LAGOS 4952 AND SUBSEQUENT; B. EASUM/CHAVEAS
TELECON, 5/8/78

1. AS PER REF B, JESSE HILL HAS TELEPHONED AF/W TO CONFIRM THAT HE WILL ASSIST RPT ASSIST WITH PLANNING N-A CHAMBER VISIT TO ATLANTA. ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE SENDING HIM LETTER AND APPROPRIATE EMBASSY MESSAGES ON VISIT.

2. GARBARINO OF N-A CHAMBER WILLING TO ARRANGE GENERAL PROGRAM FOR VISIT TO N.Y. BUT UNWILLING TO PROGRAM INDIVIDUAL VISITS FOR EACH MEMBER AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH NATIONWIDE VISITS PER PARA FOUR, REFTEL.
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3. DEPARTMENT CAN HANDLE WASHINGTON ARRANGEMENTS BUT IS IN URGENT NEED OF ASSISTANCE FROM USDOC FOR PLANNING VISITS TO CHICAGO, HOUSTON AND LOS ANGELES. ACCORDINGLY, WE URGE THAT IN ADDITION TO MONDAY EVENING PHONE MESSAGE YOU SEND FIRST PERSON TELEGRAM (WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THIS MESSAGE) TO USDOC DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MORAN SEEKING

SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE OF COMMERCE IN ORGANIZING VISITS TO

THESE CITIES. MESSAGE SHOULD REFER TO HIS RECENT ROLE IN THE LAGOS TRADE FAIR AND THE OUTSTANDING SUCCESS THAT FAIR WAS TO US EXHIBITORS. IT SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT USDOC IS ACTION ADDRESSEE FOR REFTEL AND SUBSEQUENT CABLES ON SAME SUBJECT. FYI: MORAN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH AF/W SINCE MONDAY AND WE WILL BE MEETING WITH HIM ON FRIDAY.

4. FYI: DEPTOFFS MET WITH USDOC FIELD OFFICE STAFF LAST WEEK AND WERE TURNED DOWN FLAT IN EFFORTS TO ENLIST SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR VISITING DELEGATION. MAX MILES OF USDOC INFORMS THAT HE RECEIVED SIMILAR REACTION FROM FOREIGN BUYERS PROGRAM. DEPARTMENT, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL HELP FROM USDOC OR OTHERS, WILL NOT BE IN POSITION TO ARRANGE FULL ITINERARY FOR N-A CHAMBER GIVEN THE LATE NOTIFICATION BY EMBASSY.

5. NIGERIAN EMBASSY HERE INFORMS THAT IT HAS RECEIVED NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM MEA CONCERNING DELEGATION. CAHILL/HERNDON INFORMED KOTT AF/W (IN TELECON OF LAST WEEK) THAT MEA CONSIDERS THIS AN OFFICIAL DELEGATION AND WAS NOTIFYING EMBASSY ACCORDINGLY. WE BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY SHOULD SHARE IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING OF VISIT IF FMG DOES CONSIDER THIS AN OFFICIAL MISSION. PLEASE URGE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEA TO SO NOTIFY THEIR EMBASSY ASAP.

6. EMBASSY SHOULD PROVIDE SOONEST ALL PERTINENT DETAILS WITH RESPECT TO ARRANGEMENTS MADE THUS FAR, SUCH AS AIR RESERVATIONS, HOTEL RESERVATIONS, GROUND TRANSPORT, ETC. ALSO, CAN EMBASSY VERIFY THAT N-A CHAMBER (LAGOS) WILL PAY FOR SERVICES OF TWO OR MORE ESCORT OFFICERS?

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